

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 A telecommunication element having a durable color identifying polymeric  
coating thereon is disclosed. The telecommunication element comprises an  
elongated communication transmission medium, such as an optical fiber or an  
optical fiber ribbon, and a radiation cured polymeric coating having an identifying  
color applied on at least a portion of the transmission medium. The identifying  
color in the polymeric coating is provided by chromophore molecules that are  
10 covalently bonded thereto. Coating compositions and a method are also disclosed.